

October 11, 1907.

To Superintendents.

Gentlemen:--

The annual announcement regarding the English courses for Porto Rican teachers will be issued in a few days. Courses similar to those provided last year will be announced and teachers should be enrolled in accordance with the standard of their previous work, that is, any teacher who has passed the elementary examination with a sufficiently high standing may be admitted to the intermediate examination with a high standing may be admitted to the advanced course. The exact percentage is left to the discretion of the Superintendent, but in no case should it be below seventy. Teachers who were last year enrolled in the advanced course should take the advanced course of the present year, which, being entirely different from that of last year, will still furnish material for their further progress in English.

For admission to the correspondence course, which will be conducted from this office, recommendations must be made by the Superintendents. Teachers who are so located that they cannot attend the regular English classes, or can attend them only with great difficulty, may be allowed to enroll in this course. In general, the work of the correspondence course is to be of elementary grade, but in special cases, if recommended by the Superintendent, intermediate work may be given.

Superintendents are expected to make arrangements for the teachers' classes as may best suit local conditions, bearing in mind that it is the desire of the Department that the regular school work be interrupted as little as possible. You are requested to make an immediate report indicating the number of teachers in your district who are to be enrolled in each of the English courses and giving the name and post office address of each teacher recommended for enrollment in the correspondence course. This report should reach this office not later than Friday, October 18.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner of Education